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RESPONSE WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Dear Sir:

The Office Action dated November 14, 2011 has been carefully considered. In response, Applicant submits the following, together with a Request for Continued Examination, a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time extending the period for reply to May 14, 2012, a Sequence Listing, a Declaration by Dr. W. Keith Jones under 37 C.F.R. 1.132, and the requisite fees. Accordingly, this response is timely filed and includes the following:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 4 of this paper;

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.